

**Minutes - Board Meeting – 06/01/2011**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**ALSO PRESENT:** Village Attorney John M. Spellman  
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero  
Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly  
Village Treasurer Giacomo A. Ciccone  
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini  
Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen

**Press Observer:** Rich Forestano, *Mineola American*  
Geoffrey Walter, *Patch .com*  
Timothy Meyer *Williston Times*

**Sunshine Observers:** 8 Observers

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:45 PM.**

**Resolution No. 115-11**

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**  
**Yes** **No** **Abstain**  
Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No. 116-11**

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of May 4, 2011 and May 11, 2011, as amended.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**  
**Yes** **No** **Abstain**  
Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No 117-11**

Resolved to reject the bid for the Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Unisex Handicap Bathroom Community Development project.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**  
**Yes** **No** **Abstain**  
Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No. 118-11**

Resolved to authorize Mineola Fire Department Chief Joseph Pratt, Chief Jeffrey Clark and Chief Lenny Schmitt to attend the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs Annual Conference from June 15 -18.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No. 119-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Leisure Club for the use of the Community Center auditorium on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and a general purpose room for line dancing instruction from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM from September 6, 2011 – June 5, 2012.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No. 120-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Leisure Club for the use of a Community Center general purpose room for a board meeting on Tuesday August 2, 2011 at 10:30 AM, and a general purpose room for new member registration on August 30, 2011 at 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No. 121-11**

Resolved to approve the membership of the following candidate as recommended by the Mineola Fire Department:

Robert Wilgosz Company I

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No. 122-11**

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Fire Department for a budget transfer in the amount of \$500.00 from the following lines:

From: (COMMUNICATIONS) \$ 500.00  
To : (STATIONERY & PRINTING) \$ 500.00

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**

Yes No Abstain

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee Paul A. Pereira  
Trustee George R. Durham

**Resolution No. 123-11**

Resolved to award the public bid for new roofs at Village Hall and Fire Department buildings to the lowest responsible bidder, Atlas Restoration Corp in the amount of \$580,000.00 based on the bids received:

Atlas Restoration Corp.	\$ 580,000.00
GTS Construction Corp.	\$ 633,000.00
NJK Contractors, Inc.	\$ 949,000.00

Project Engineers: Dvirka & Bartilucci

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

<u><b>Yes</b></u>	<u><b>No</b></u>	<u><b>Abstain</b></u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 124-11**

Resolved to authorize the Mayor to determine the source of funds to be used for the new roofs for both Village Hall and the Fire Department Building to minimize costs to village taxpayers.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**

<u><b>Yes</b></u>	<u><b>No</b></u>	<u><b>Abstain</b></u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 125-11**

Resolved to authorize the installation of a "Handicap Reserved" parking space in front of 489 Andrews Road.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham  
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**

<u><b>Yes</b></u>	<u><b>No</b></u>	<u><b>Abstain</b></u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

*Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini presented a status report on the traffic signal loop at Jericho Turnpike and Emery Road and also reported on the status of the Department of Public Works projects including Well #5 rehabilitation and preparations of the pool and parks for summer programs and events.*

**Resolution No. 126-11**

Resolved to approve a request for a 90-Day extension of Building Permit#1531 issued for 331 Mineola Blvd.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

**Vote:**

<u><b>Yes</b></u>	<u><b>No</b></u>	<u><b>Abstain</b></u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

**Resolution No. 127-11**

Resolved to approve a request for a 90-Day extension of Building Permit #0832 issued for 75 Windsor Avenue on the condition that there will be no further extensions and that any renewal will be at the full permit cost.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Trustee George R. Durham

*Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen announced that Winthrop University Hospital has completed the construction of the new entrance to the hospital, reported on different locations where graffiti was found throughout the village and stated that anyone caught placing graffiti on village property will be prosecuted.*

**Resolution No. 128-11**

Resolved that the Incorporated Village of Mineola confirms its continued participation in the Nassau County Urban Consortium in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program regulations and supports the County's requalification in the program for the 2012-2014 period.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Trustee George R. Durham

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:10 PM.**

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Trustee George R. Durham

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Public Meeting to order at 7:40 PM.**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Trustee George R. Durham

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Village Attorney John M. Spellman

Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero

Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly

**Press Observer:**

Rich Forestano, *Mineola American*

Geoffrey Walter, *Patch .com*

Rich Tedesco, *Williston Times*

**Sunshine Observers:**

23 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss announced that Trustee Paul A. Pereira was excused from the Public Meeting due to another engagement at Mineola High School. Mayor Strauss stated that last month he had the honor of acknowledging 6 new Eagle Scouts from Troop 45, Vincent Buonincontro, Nick D'Annunzio, Nicholas Flori, Glenn Peters, Perry Llanes and Zachary Rachall, reported that the "Night on the Town" was a great success and thanked all those who attended. Mayor Strauss stated that last week the Village Board attended the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Annual Conference which was very informative and productive. Mayor Strauss announced that he swore in the new officers of the Mineola Junior Fire Department, Capt. Mike Fernandez, Lt. Justin Sandler, Lt. Chris Strauss, and congratulated Patrick Lynch who received the Junior Firefighter of the Year Award. Mayor Strauss

commented that the Mineola Memorial Day Parade had a great turnout, thanked Commander. Sal Cataldo and Commander Manny Grilo for their efforts in organizing this event, and thanked those residents that came out in support of our veterans.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther announced that the “Night on the Town” raised approximately \$20,000.00 for each of two organizations, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Trustee Werther stated that he attended the Mineola Fire Department inspection, participated in the Mineola Memorial Day Parade and thanked Commander Sal Cataldo and Commander Manny Grilo for their efforts in putting together this event. Trustee Werther stated that he also attended the New York Conference of Mayors Annual Conference with the Mayor and fellow Board members and commented that topics discussed there could be of value to the village in the future.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato thanked Commander Sal Cataldo and Commander Manny Grilo on a job well done and also thanked those residents who showed their support for our veterans. Trustee Cusato stated that he met several Mayors and Trustees from all across the state at the New York Conference of Mayors meetings and that it was interesting hearing how their villages operate. Trustee Cusato commented that the “Night on the Town” was great, and thanked residents who attended, especially those working behind the scenes. Trustee Cusato congratulated the new officers that were installed at the Mineola Junior Fire Department Installation dinner and congratulated Patrick Lynch on receiving the Junior Firefighter of the Year Award. Trustee Cusato reported that the Mineola Fire Department responded to 40 calls in April and 48 calls in May.

Trustee George R. Durham stated that Commander Sal Cataldo and Commander Manny Gilo did a wonderful job in organizing the Memorial Day Parade and reported that Mineola Bicycle put together a very nice Bicycle Safety Day. Trustee Durham commented that he was very impressed with the Mineola Fire Department while attending the department inspection and also stated that the graffiti is getting out of hand and requested residents are more observant and if they see something to report it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, so that action can be taken. Trustee Durham reminded all fathers that the Troop 45 Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast is held at the Knights of Columbus on the morning of Father’s Day.

*7 Speakers addressed the Board*

**Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:20PM.**

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

**Vote:**

**Yes**

**No**

**Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss  
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther  
Trustee Paul S. Cusato  
Trustee George R. Durham